

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as shown:

Please delete paragraph [0025] and replace it with the following paragraph:

**[0025]** One embodiment of the invention comprises a peptide having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID No: 1[[a]]. The bovine derived amino acid SEQ ID No: 1[[a]] has been designated BBP, and SEQ ID No: [[1b]] 2 corresponds to the bovine nucleic acid sequence encoding BBP.

Please delete paragraph [0072] and replace it with the following paragraph:

**[0072]** Table 1. Identification of the 18.5 kD protein by MALDI/TOF mass spectroscopy and peptide fingerprinting.

| <u>Expected Mass</u> <sup>a</sup> | <u>Observed Mass</u> <sup>a</sup> | <u>Peptide Sequence</u>                |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1526.574                          | 1526.53                           | ESEADPATCDFQR * <u>(SEQ ID NO: 11)</u> |
| 1411.600                          | 1411.71                           | VNSQSLSPYLFR <u>(SEQ ID NO: 12)</u>    |
| 1291.406                          | 1291.41                           | SRGEPLYEPSR <u>(SEQ ID NO: 13)</u>     |
| 1249.409                          | 1249.48                           | NSYLLGLTPDR <u>(SEQ ID NO: 14)</u>     |
| 1158.363                          | 1158.27                           | GYHVPVAVCR * <u>(SEQ ID NO: 15)</u>    |

\* modified cystein; a = peptide masses are expressed as [M + H<sup>+</sup>]